GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4787
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2000
HANDING OVER OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS
N.N. KRISHNADAS

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of requests made for handing over personal belongings of Indians who expired to his Ministry in 1995;

(b) the details of expired people and claimants;

(c) the number of claimants out of them pertaining to Kuwait;

(d) whether certain belongings of Indians who expired in Kuwait had been sent to his Ministry in May, 1995;

(e) if so, details thereof;

(f) whether the belongings as mentioned at

(d) above have not yet been handed over to the claimants;
(g) if so, the reasons therefore; and
(h) the time by which belongings are likely to be handed over to the claimants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The belongings of the deceased Indian nationals abroad are not usually sent to the Ministry of External Affairs but directly to the next of ken/legal heirs. In 1995 there were only 2 cases where the belongings of the deceased were sent to the Ministry of External Affairs.

(b) Name of the dead — Claimant of personal belongings

1. Shri Totikonda thothadri — Shri J. Kannan
2. Shri Rajindran Laxman Gadala — Shri Narayan Gadala

(c) Two.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The belongings of Late Shri Totikonda Thothadri seem to have been lost in transit

(g)&(h) The legal heirs of late Shri Totikonda Thothadri will be paid estimated fair value of the lost belongings from the welfare fund for expatriate Indians in Kuwait.